

Council Members Present

Joe Ayala Bedalia Valdes David Maskell Lynn Boshart Robb Bourland

Council Member Absent

Lacey Kendall

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

MAC Member Bedalia Valdes motioned to approve the December Minutes. MAC Member Joe Ayala seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Public Comment

Jesse Valenzuela of Congressman Joe Baca's Office announced that starting March 1st residents should look in their mail for information regarding the 2010 US Census. He stressed the importance of filling out the Census information as it is extremely important to get everyone counted. He also reported that on Feb 26th from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Lewis Library in Fontana, the Congressman will be giving awards to top African American students in his District in honor of Black History Month. Finally, on March 26th from 8am to 12 noon the Congressman will be hosting the 2010 Annual Education Summit in the Obershaw Dining Room at CSUSB. It is a free event and it is open to the public.

Staff Reports

Field Representative Michael Townsend

Mr. Townsend reported that Supervisor Gonzales is very interested in the Census and has been doing radio and television announcements, recordings and interviews regarding the Census to encourage everyone to fill out the form. He also wanted to congratulate Lacey Kendall who is not present because she is working on her final oral presentation for her Master's Degree. She is part of Coyote Radio at CSUSB which was selected as the number 1 internet-only college radio station in America and 3rd best of all college stations in the nation. It received the MTV's Radio Woodie Award. They are 1 of 50 select US college radio stations that are carried by iTunes. It has a new weekly program called The EverGreen Show that airs on Tuesdays at 6pm and has an encore presentation on Thursdays at 6pm. Mr. Townsend stated that Supervisor Gonzales would like as much input and participation as possible from the El Rancho Verde community in order to maximize the effectiveness of the MAC.

Sheriff's Department

Sergeant Dan Finneran brought copies of an article that reported on a Rialto resident that was arrested and charged with conspiracy to defraud at least 23 people in the Inland Empire. He also reported that the same day of the last meeting there was a robbery on Sycamore and 3 or 4 days before that there was another robbery by Cactus. He stressed the importance of residents keeping their eyes open to what is going on around the neighborhood. The calls they received were what helped them put the case together. He also reported that the graffiti tracker is already available and they are using it.

California Highway Patrol

Officer Steve Robinson reported that Officer Hope Maxson will be back on the 1st and then they will be attending the MAC meetings on an alternating basis. He brought business cards for the residents. He stated that any type of incidents relating to traffic should be called in to him such as parked cars with "for sale" signs on them. He will go out and look into them personally.

Special Districts

Tim Millington reported that the landscape looks good and he hasn't received any complaints. He also said that they will be replacing the trees that have died. He was asked if an updated report of the actual costs for 2009 can be made available along with the current status on the account including the projections for 2010. He said he would be bringing that information to the next meeting.

Special Presentation Re: The impending release of inmate population- Parole Agent Mike Taylor

Parole Agent Taylor brought information regarding sex offenders. He showed the residents where this information is available to the general public and demonstrated it on his computer. He also brought some informational handouts on Jessica's Law and Megan's Law from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the California Department of Justice. He stated that every single sex offender on parole has a GPS tracking system which tells them (the parole agents) where they are 24/7. They also have undercover agents who follow them and they see where they have been and what they are doing. They also do surprise searches and talk to the neighbors, looking for evidence of crimes. There are approximately 9,000 to 10,000 sex offenders (290) registrants and approximately 7,000 of them are on GPS Statewide. He stated that the recidivism of these parolees is minimal because they are so closely monitored that any offence can be a violation of parole and they go back to prison. He clarified that the prison population being released are through the County jail; none have been released at the State prison level yet. He stated that some inmates will be released, but sex offenders (290) registrants will NOT be released. He brought copies of a spreadsheet that gave the projections for potential releases and made it available to the residents. Steve Luce, Parole Administrator from West Covina to Riverside, left his contact information. His email address is steve.luce@cvcr.ca.gov, his work number is (909) 802-1030 ext 442 and his cell number is (661) 492-5085.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. New Development- Lynn Boshart announced that they hope to have Mike Sward from the Rialto Planning Commission come out in April and give updates on what the plans are for the area regarding new development and what might be happening with the golf course.

Council Member Comments

Bedalia Valdes stated that the event that Supervisor Gonzales sponsored with members of the community was wonderful and she invites everyone to attend when events like these take place so you can get to know your neighbors.

David Maskell said he also attended the holiday celebration and there were a lot of people, He and his wife had fun. He stated that he tried to get information with title companies regarding the original plans for the golf course, but it was not available. He was told that it would cost \$720 to get the information. He thinks he can get it for free.

Lynn Boshart announced that MAC is happy to have Robb Bourland back on the MAC. She was pleased with the attendance and said there will be changes on the flyers. They will include information on the MAC and the topics that will be discussed. She also said that if anyone would like to help distributing the flyers, they are welcome to.

Robb Bourland said he has been living in the community for 11 years and is happy to help the community in any way he can. He likes to get things done and genuinely wants to help his community.

Joe Ayala thanked everyone for attending. He stated that there are some serious issues coming and he encourages the residents to remain proactive. He said it is important to use diplomacy when approaching the City Council. He also said he needs one more person to assist him in his efforts with Rialto City Council. He stated that he hopes more people will attend the April meeting and that he hopes the City Council will be informed of the large turn out.

Member Joe Ayala motioned to adjourn the meeting and Member Bedalia Valdez seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. The next scheduled meeting is on April 13, 2010 at 7:00pm.